GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ANNUAL REQUIREMENT AND CONSUMPTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed the per capita annual requirement/consumption of Foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, item-wise particularly in case of Maharashtra;

(c) the total requirement of foodgrains in million tonnes by the end of 2005 in view of the growing population and demand; and

(d) the manner in which this requirement is likely to be met by the Government particularly under Public Distribution System?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The annual requirement of foodgrains is provisionally estimated to be 195.42 million tonnes for the country and 17.83 million tonnes for Maharashtra for the year 2000. The consumption requirement has been worked out by using normative requirement of foodgrains (182.5 kg/cu/year) recommended by the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad and projected population of 1002.14 million.

(c) The annual requirement of foodgrains is provisionally estimated to be 210.11 million tonnes for the year 2005.

(d) The annual requirement of foodgrains under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) including Antyodaya Anna Yojna (AAY) is abut 293 lakh tonnes. This requirement is met out of the central pool stock of foodgrains procured and stored by the Food Corporation of India and the State agencies.